

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-21, 23, 24, and 26-28 are pending in this application. Claim 18 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claim 43 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. No new matter has been added.

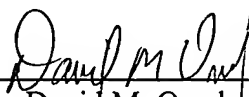
On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-21, 23, 24, and 26-28 are allowed, and claim 43 has been withdrawn. In response to the withdrawal of claim 43, it has been canceled.

Therefore, in light of cancellation of the withdrawn claim, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order. However, if any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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